

Amendments to House Bill No. 3
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For the House Appropriations Committee

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Following: line 23

Insert: "Department of Justice

Montana Highway Patrol	\$175,000	General Fund
Office of Public Defender		
Appellate Defender	\$292,000	General Fund
Office of Public Instruction		
Pupil Transportation	\$360,000	General Fund"

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Strike: line 24 through line 26 in their entirety

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Explanation - This amendment does four things:

1. It funds fuel cost overages for the Montana Highway Patrol which were included in the Governor's budget but inadvertently omitted from HB 3
2. It adds funding for the Appellate Defender program of the Office of the Public Defender that was not quantified at the time of introduction of the bill as the funds are needed due to a larger than anticipated caseload for the Appellate Defender
3. It adds funding for pupil transportation in the Office of Public Instruction
4. It eliminates the appropriations for the Department of Transportation which are not needed